REMARKS

Claims 7 and 8 have been allowed by the Examiner.

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki et al. (6,603,453) in view of Yamazaki et al. (2001/0052950) and Matsumoto et al. Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled.

New claims 27 and 28 recite the subject matter described in canceled claim 6 and depend respectively from allowed claims 7 and 8. Accordingly, claims 27 and 28 are believed to be allowable.

With the cancellation of previously rejected claims, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

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